Rs. 5800 crore is being credited to this fund every year. Out of this fund, approximately Rs. 2000 crore is spent on development of National Highways under National Highways Development Project. The remaining amount is utilized for State roads, rural roads and road safety works.

(c) An amount of Rs. 112.22 crore and Rs. 50.63 crore is likely to be spent for development and maintenance of National Highways in Gujarat and Chhattisgarh respectively during the year 2001-2002. In addition, an amount of Rs. 438 crore is likely to be spent on National Highways Development Project (NHDP) in Gujarat.

More Buses between Delhi and Lahore

†2093. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to increase the number of buses plying between Delhi and Lahore;

(b) if so, how many and by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) There is no formal proposal at this juncture.

Repair of National Highways in Karnataka

2094. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not sanctioned any amount for repairing flood damaged National Highways in Karnataka so far, for the financial year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, by when the amount would be sanctioned and released; and

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(c) the amount sanctioned during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 70.00 lakh has been released so far for completing the repair of flood damages of National Highways which occurred during the previous year. However, no estimate for flood damage repairs of National Highways for the year 2001-2002 has been received so far from the Government of Karnataka.

(c) Estimates amounting to Rs. 312.67 lakh and Rs. 270.00 lakh were sanctioned for flood damage repair works for National Highways in Karnataka during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively.

Golden Quadrilateral Project

2095. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Golden Quadrilateral Project has abandoned the use of Expressways and now it is focussing on four laning of highways only; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) The Golden Quadrilateral Project was envisaged as a 4/6-lane facility and not as Expressway facility. Hence, there has been no change in the Project.

Network of Roads

†2096. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a network of roads is being constructed throughout the country under 'Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana';

(b) if so, the length of roads in kilometres proposed to be built in

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